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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
08TRIPOLI374	2008-05-08 14:11	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET//NOFORN	Embassy Tripoli

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SUBJECT: LIBYA'S NSC SOLICITS U.S. VIEWS ON CIVILIAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION & LETHAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT SALES REF: A) TRIPOLI 340, B) TRIPOLI 372

CLASSIFIED BY: Chris Stevens, CDA, Embassy Tripoli, Dept of State. REASON: 1.4 (b), (c), (d), (e)

- 1.(S/NF) Summary: A senior National Security Council official asked what the USG's views were on the possibility of U.S.-Libya civilian nuclear GOL WANTS NUCLEAR REACTOR PLANT FOR CIVILIAN PURPOSES
- 2.(S/NF) In a meeting with the CDA on May 7, Dr. Hind Siala, Director of Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation at Libya's National Security Council, CLAIMS U.S. NUCLEAR COOPERATION WOULD NOT CONTRADICT PARALLEL EFFORTS WITH FRANCE & RUSSIA
- 3.(S/NF) The CDA noted media reports claiming the GOL had signed civilian nuclear cooperation agreements with France during President Sarkozy's visit. USG'S POSITION ON POSSIBILITY OF LETHAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT SALES SOUGHT
- 4.(S/NF) Siala next raised the possibility of U.S. sales of lethal military equipment. Noting that the issue had been raised during NEA Assistance, GOL ANXIOUS TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING POLITICAL ISSUES BEFORE YEAR'S END
- 5.(S/NF) Drawing a line between concerns about potential nuclear and military cooperation and efforts to find a comprehensive settlement of territorial claims, Siala proposed the further and expanded exchange of senior visitors, even as efforts to resolve the claims and tensions continued.
- 7.(S/NF) Comment: Although she was clearly conveying points at the behest of her boss, NSA Muatassim al-Qadhafi, it struck us that the requests for U.S. nuclear cooperation were not merely a ploy to gain U.S. assistance in resolving the claims and tensions.
- 8.(S/NF) Guidance request: Request Department guidance on whether and how Post should further respond to the request for the USG's views on possible U.S. nuclear cooperation with Libya.